

motto "Leave Menifee County better than you found it." As Judge Executive, Trimble was able to accomplish a great deal for Menifee County, reducing the county's debt from \$900,000 to \$600,000 in just three years. He secured a grant for two new garbage trucks; purchased a new boom mower for the county; and worked in conjunction with 911 Director Christy Wayman and Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) to obtain a new 911 system for Menifee County, which also received a two year raise for all county employees and \$100 million in additional money for blacktopping from the Governor's office while Trimble was Judge Executive. Judge Trimble also worked with Gail Wright of the Gateway Area Development District office to receive funds from Community Development Block Grants and Appalachian Regional Commission for a new Senior Citizens Center for Menifee County.

Trimble has been happily married to Lucille Coldiron Trimble for 49 years. They have two children, Jami Miller and Jimmy Trimble; and three grandchildren—Travis Trimble, Kyle Miller and Bryce Miller.

Trimble is a proud member of the Frenchburg Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon and an adult Sunday school teacher as well as leading Wednesday night prayer meetings.

In his spare time, Trimble enjoys playing basketball in adult recreation leagues. He also enjoys the Bluegrass Games, and has taken home both gold and silver medals with his group. He is an active member of the Shift Masters Car Club, and coached Little League for five years while his son Jimmy played for "The Royals." He has enjoyed volunteering with Habitat for Humanity as well.

James D. Trimble has devoted his life to serving those around him, and his service to Menifee County, our Commonwealth and our community is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming anniversary of the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising. This event, which began on October 10, 1911, is commemorated every year as the National Day of the Republic of China. The Wuchang uprising led to the establishment of the Republic of China, commonly called Taiwan, in 1912.

Over the years, the United States and Taiwan have fostered a mutually beneficial relationship based on interests and values that we share. This friendship has led to far reaching economic benefits and unique cultural ties.

Taiwan is a trusted ally and trading partner and has acted as an example of democracy in the Asia-Pacific region. It is in our mutual best interest to continue to strengthen our economic relationship and cultural ties. I hope our trade and investment continues to grow in the years ahead.

I hope that the longtime friendship between the United States and the Republic of China continues to blossom and develop for decades to come.

HONORING ALLISON HUGHES

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Allison Hughes of Barrington, Illinois. Allison is co-founder of a charity called Heels on the Ground, whose mission is to improve and enrich the quality of life for the caregivers of America's wounded soldiers.

Allison served our country for 8 years as an Army UH-60 pilot and was deployed in Iraq twice. Her husband, Special Forces Major Breg Hughes, was wounded on May 29, 2012 in Afghanistan when his Humvee drove over an IED, just days before Allison was due to give birth to the couple's second son. Breg sustained 3rd degree burns and severe injuries. While caring for her husband and raising two children, Allison has remarkably found the energy to co-found Heels on the Ground and work to support other caregivers.

Heels on the Ground is a charity that seeks to provide support for caregivers through the creation of local support chapters, individualized mental and physical wellness plans, educational webinars, quarterly workshops for chapter leaders, and through Wounded Warrior caregiver retreats for small groups with the goal of developing skills learned in other channels. The goal is to teach caregivers how to manage the stress, anxiety, and the countless other demands that are placed on them in caring for their wounded spouses, often while juggling responsibilities for children, work, their own personal mental and physical wellbeing.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Mrs. Allison Hughes for her impressive service to our country as both a woman in uniform and caregiver to one of our wounded servicemen. She has truly set an example for us all to live by.

HONORING DENISE RUSHING

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Denise Rushing (County Supervisor and economic strategist; Upper Lake—Lake County): Denise Rushing is best known for her work as a business growth strategist. With a background in energy technology and digital marketing, Denise helps change-makers innovate, create and enter new markets consistent with their values. She has generated grassroots momentum to find renewable and regenerative solutions to environmental problems. In 2006, after living in Lake County for just 18 months, Denise was elected to the Board of Supervisors in one of the most transformative elections in Lake County history as her platform of justice and environmental stewardship resonated with voters.

Lake County's economic evolution over 7½ years is a testament to Denise's leadership and evidenced by California's Green Summit Environmental Leadership Award two years in a row. One project is the largest public solar installation in the western United States; the other, "appropriate tech" park

structures constructed with volunteer labor and all local and natural materials. Denise was instrumental in transforming a blighted trailer park into an eco-park, and a leading advocate in bringing the county's first four-year educational institution to Lucerne. She has been passionate about finding healthy solutions for improving water quality in Clear Lake and has worked collaboratively on local boards and committees, including one that brought traditional agriculture and the organic community together in a "Food Roundtable." Denise was elected in a resounding fashion and, true to her promises, has effected lasting, sustainable change in Lake County and the people who live here.

RECOGNIZING THE WARD FAMILY AS THE 2014 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Ward Family from Allentown, Florida, for being selected as the 2014 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

The Ward family farm was started in 1917 when James B. Ward settled in Allentown and set up a farm near Highway 89. Today, nearly 100 years later, the Ward family farming tradition continues with James E. "Jimmy" Ward, his wife Angela, and their three sons, Jamie, Justin and Dustin. Like many family farmers, Jimmy Ward has been farming for as long as he can remember, and he discovered his love of farming and learned the core values of hard work, integrity, and generosity from working on the farm with his father, Lamar, and his three uncles. Since taking over the farm, 24 years ago, Jimmy has carried on the proud Ward family farming tradition, and today, the Ward family incorporates the lessons learned from generations of farming to grow peanuts, cotton, corn, and wheat on their 900-acre farm.

In addition to their work on the farm, the Ward family is also deeply involved in their local community and in various agricultural organizations. Jimmy currently serves as Chairman of the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Farm Committee and is an active member of the Florida Farm Bureau, where he can help share his vast experience and knowledge with other Florida farmers.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Ward's tireless work and their dedication to family, and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Ward family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE DUKES

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the

everlasting heritage of the Albuquerque Dukes baseball team, the famous “Duke” logo strewn across their dirt-stained jerseys and its rich cultural representation of our great state of New Mexico. I would also like to extend my gratitude to trademark owners Fred Matteucci and Steve Palmisano for recognizing the rich historical significance of this iconic symbol and bringing it back to our community.

In 1915, the Albuquerque Dukes became the first recognized professional baseball team, and joined the Class D Rio Grande Association featuring the Spanish conquistador as their symbol and mascot; they called him the “Duke”.

The symbol of the Duke had far reaching ties to the identity and narrative that defines the city of Albuquerque. It derived from Francisco Cuervo y Valdez who wrote to Francisco Fernández de la Cueva, a viceroy of New Spain, later known as The Duke of Albuquerque to inform him of their newly founded villa. The “r” would later be dropped, but that site still remains and now features our beautiful Albuquerque metropolis of over 500,000 people.

It is remarkable how much the Dukes baseball team impacted our community. From the Great Depression, to the Manhattan Project, to the Cold War, and to the countless other events in our nation’s history the Albuquerque Dukes were always there.

For 88 years, the Dukes took the field. Most New Mexicans still remember the smell of the grass, the pop of the ball when it met the wood of the bat, and preparing a fresh hot dog on the back of a pick-up truck parked above the lava rocks beyond the outfield fence. The Dukes became a cultural identity, a representation of what it is to be New Mexican and a sense of pride for everyone in Albuquerque. Families and friends celebrated victories and mourned the losses, but through it all they never lost faith in their team.

Although the Dukes no longer play, their legacy endures. Each spring, The Duke City and the Albuquerque Isotopes renew this commitment. Many fans still sport the Spanish-influenced red and gold jerseys and remember back to the excitement of the first pitch of every game. Thanks to individuals like Fred and Steve and the countless Albuquerqueans who continue to proudly display the iconic conquistador, we can continue to preserve our unique history and tradition for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICARDO RANGEL

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Florida State Representative Ricardo Rangel. Born in Bronx, New York, Ricardo grew up in a military family, traveling the country with his father, who retired as a Master Sergeant. His passion for leadership developed at an early age, as he was very active as a teenager and took on a number of leadership roles.

After graduating high school, Ricardo followed in the footsteps of his father and en-

listed in the U.S. Army. Ricardo was honorably discharged as a Sergeant after serving twelve years and earning five Certificates of Achievement for Outstanding Work Performance, two Army Achievement Medals for Outstanding Work Performance and three Good Conduct Medals for being a model soldier. Ricardo currently works as a senior marketing manager for AT&T.

Ricardo is no stranger to public service. After the Army, Ricardo has continued his focus on public service. He has been involved in community events such as United We Paint, Bowl for Kids’ Sake and the Ricardo Rangel Annual Softball Game benefitting Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Florida. His continued activism and leadership in the community earned him the Emerging Leadership Award from the NAACP and the National Leadership Award from the Business Council.

Ricardo graduated with a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Management from Warner University, which has afforded him opportunities to work on different political campaigns. He has managed local races in Florida as well as federal races for candidates in Arizona, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Recognizing his management skills and strong work ethics, Ricardo was voted “Florida Young Democrat of the Year” in 2003.

With the economy still sluggish and the desire to help working families, Ricardo decided to run for the Florida House of Representatives. In 2012, Ricardo was elected with 68 percent of the vote to represent Osceola County’s District 43 in the Florida House of Representatives. Within a few months of being in office he quickly jumped in and led the charge to protect working-class families. He also earned the respect of the business community by showing that he supports business friendly policies and is eager to work across party lines for economic development that will help create jobs.

As a member of the Florida Legislature, Representative Rangel serves on the Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, Government Operations Subcommittee, Veteran and Military Affairs Subcommittee, Local and Federal Affairs Committee, and State Affairs Committee. Ricardo also currently serves as a member of the State Executive Committee for the Florida Democratic Party.

I am happy to recognize Representative Ricardo Rangel, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his leadership and service to the Central Florida community.

ANOTHER CONTINUING RESOLUTION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I reluctantly voted for another Continuing Resolution to ensure funding for government programs in Fiscal Year 2015. It’s a low bar and a sad metric when preventing another government shutdown is hailed as an accomplishment. What Congress needs to be doing—and what the American public deserves—is a return to regular order instead of governing on autopilot. We should pass all 12 of our appro-

priations bills because Congress needs to make thoughtful changes to our spending so they reflect the challenges and priorities of the day.

There were some encouraging exceptions. Through this CR, Congress was able to provide a short-term reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, which supports 1.2 million jobs in the U.S., and financing for over 3,400 of America’s small-business exporters. While it’s important that it not expire, a nine month extension restricts the ability to finance importance large and long-term projects. Oregon’s businesses looking to reach new markets abroad deserve real help. Also included in the CR is critical funding for the Centers for Disease Control and HHS’s Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to respond to the Ebola outbreak. Close to home, it provides increased funding so that we can make further progress on the VA claims backlog.

The final CR also includes an amendment that would provide the President with the limited and narrow authority he needs to address the atrocities perpetrated by ISIS in Iraq and Syria. My statement on the House floor and the Website explains why I felt it critical to support this amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP CHARLES ELLIS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AS PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Charles Ellis on his reelection as the Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) earlier this year.

This milestone in Bishop Ellis’ service to the PAW and his congregation of Greater Grace Temple in Detroit is a recognition of the significant impact his spiritual leadership has made on the Greater Detroit community and on the broader community of PAW worshippers around the world.

As the son of a pastor, Bishop Ellis grew up with a deep appreciation and understanding of the power that spiritual leaders have to be agents of positive change within their communities. After graduating from Mumford High School and Wayne State University, he went on to serve the congregation of Greater Grace as its main financial administrator. Upon the death of his father, then Elder Charles Ellis was elevated to pastor of congregation at Greater Grace, where the congregation has continued to grow it is present membership of nearly 6000. It was just a few years later that he was appointed as a Bishop in the PAW, becoming the second youngest bishop in its history.

Under Bishop Ellis’ leadership, Greater Grace Temple has developed more than 300 ministries that offer vital support to the Greater Detroit community—leading efforts to assist others that include issues of: education, the arts, families in need, victims of domestic violence and seniors. The impact of these ministries has been significant, and as a result,